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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant(s) duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted that copies of the references listed on pages 1-13 are not required since this application was filed after June 30, 2003 pursuant to 51 C.F.R. 1.98. Copies of foreign references and publications listed on pages 14-19 of form PTO-1449 are enclosed.

Applicant would also like to bring commonly-owned U.S. Application No. 11/122,346 filed on May 5, 2005; U.S. Application No. 11/169,927 filed on June 29, 2005; U.S. Application No. 11/170,616 filed on June 29, 2005; U.S. Application filed on December 23, 2005; U.S. Application No. 11/225,260 filed on September 13, 2005; U.S. Application No. 11/225,783 filed on September 13, 2005; U.S. Application No. 10/461,550 filed on June 13, 2003; U.S. Application No. 11/184,338 filed on

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The citation of the listed items is not a representation that they constitute a complete or exhaustive listing of the relevant art or that the references are prior art. The items listed are submitted in good faith, but are not intended to substitute for the Examiner's search. It is hoped, however, that in addition to apprising the Examiner of these particular items, they will assist in identifying fields of search and in making as full and complete a search as possible.

The filing of this information disclosure statement is not an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

[] This information disclosure statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of this application.

- ☐ This information disclosure statement is being filed within three (3) months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491 in an international application.
- ☒ To the best of Applicant(s) knowledge, this information disclosure statement is being filed before the date of mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in connection with this case.
- ☐ Enclosed herewith is a certificate under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1).
- ☐ Enclosed herewith is a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(2).
- ☐ Enclosed by check is the petition fee of \$130.00. (37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1))
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time as required and charge Deposit Account No. **21-0550** therefor.

The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably
distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable
consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

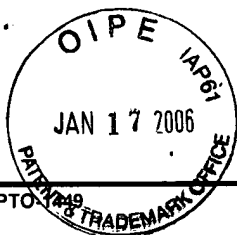


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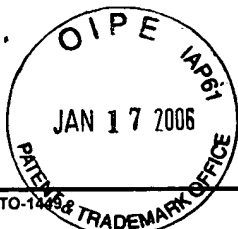
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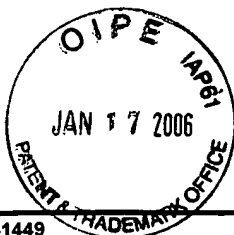
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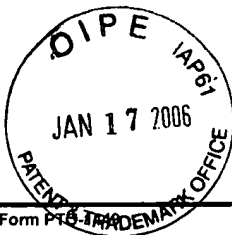
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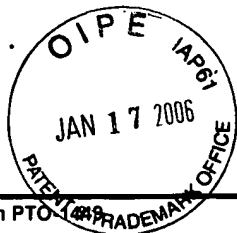
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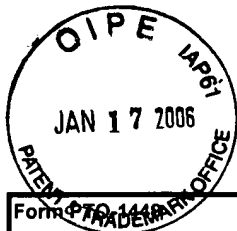
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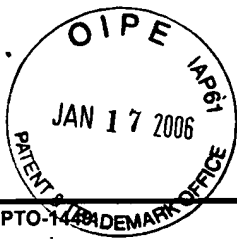
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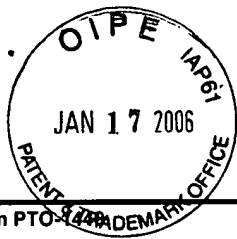
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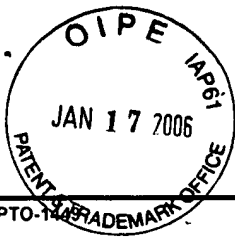
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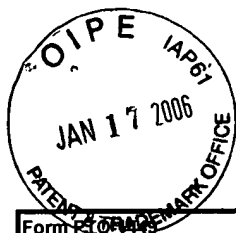
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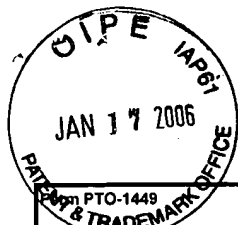
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